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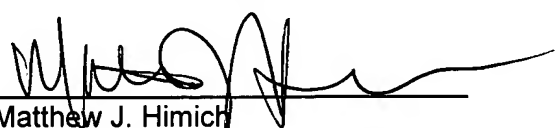
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

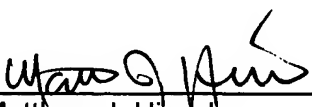
The following remarks are made in response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004. In the Office Action, the requirement for a restriction was made. Specifically, the Office Action states that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species: Group 1-Figures 1-5; Group 2-Figures 6-10; Group 3-Figure 11; Group 4-Figure 12; Group 5-Figure 13; Group 6-Figures 14-15; Group 7-Figures 16-17; Group 8-Figure 18; Group 9-Figure 19; and Group 10-Figure 20. The Office Action also states that no claim is generic to every species. Consideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Applicant elects without traverse the species identified in the Office Action as being in Group 9 (Fig. 19) to continue the further prosecution of the application. Claims 1-23 are directed toward the species identified in the Office Action as being in Group 9.

In view of the foregoing remarks, applicant respectfully requests a first examination of the application on the merits at the Examiner's earliest convenience. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if any matters require resolution prior to examination of the application on the merits.

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